and flora is strictly regulated according to the provisions of the Convention. The expert policy of wildlife and articles thereof is already stringent.

United Nations conference on environment

2816. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) has sought a reorientation of the policy framework to deal comprehensively and effectively with environmental problems;

(b) whether the UNCED has also regretted the Indian Government's failure to implement numerous environment protection schemes; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Pending projects for clearance

2817. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of projects of Madhya Pradesh are pending clearance with Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and since when each project is pending;

(c) what are the reasons for the delay; and

(d) by when Government propose to clear all these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) As on 30.11.1991, 70 proposals are pending with hte Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

(b) Out of 70 proposals, 53 pertain to Minor Irrigation Projects, 1 to Major Irrigation Project, 12 to Mining Projects, 2 to Road Projects and 2 to Transmission Line Projects. As on 30.11.91, 57 proposals are pending for less than three months, 11 for three to six months, and only 2 proposals for more than six months.

(c) As on 30.11.91, out of 70 proposals, 23 proposals were pending as essential details sought from the State Government were not received, 13 proposals were pending for site inspection, 11 proposals were pending for consideration by the Advisory Committee, 10 proposals were under process for final decision, 11 proposals were under process and 2 proposals were pending for want of environmental clearance.

(d) Out of 70 proposals, 6 proposals have since been approved in principle. Final decision in respect of proposals received under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is taken expeditiously, after receipt of all the essential details from the State Goernment.

Formulation of scheme for afforestation in Madhya Pradesh

2818. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme for afforestation in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so what are the details of the scheme and the funds earmrked for the purpose;

(c) whether Government propose to involve the Adivasis (Scheduled Tribes) of the State in the afforestation programme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?